

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A hollow fiber membrane module unit comprising:
a plurality of hollow fiber membrane modules ~~according to claim 20~~ each comprising:

a plurality of sheet-form hollow fiber membranes,

an anchoring member in which at least at least an end of a side of a hollow hollow fiber membrane that opens is fastened so that the plurality of sheet-form hollow fiber membranes are substantially parallel to each other while leaving the end of the hollow fiber membrane open,

the anchoring member having an end face that is substantially rectangular on a side where the hollow fiber membranes are exposed, and

the anchoring member having an end face that is substantially circular on the side where the hollow fiber membranes open,

wherein the anchoring member has a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape on a side where the hollow fiber membranes are exposed, and has a cylindrical section having a substantially cylindrical shape on a side where the hollow fiber membranes open,

the hollow fiber membrane module satisfies the relationship

$1.0 \leq W/D \leq 2.0$,

wherein W(mm) is a length of the longer side of the end face where the hollow fiber membrane is exposed to the rectangular parallelepiped section and D(mm) is a diameter of the cylindrical section, and

a plate member having a hole through which the cylindrical section passes is provided on a side surface of the hollow fiber membrane perpendicular to the sheet surfaces of sheet-form hollow fiber membranes, and
the hollow fiber membrane module is fastened by the plate member.

23. (Previously presented) A hollow fiber membrane module unit according to claim 22, further comprising:

a water collecting cap which engages the cylindrical section, and wherein
the plate member is fastened between the cylindrical section and the water collecting cap.

24. (Previously presented) A hollow fiber membrane module unit according to claim 23, comprising:

wherein the cylindrical section and the water collecting cap are engaged by a screw.

25. (Currently amended) A hollow fiber membrane module unit, wherein said hollow fiber membrane module unit further comprises a plurality of hollow fiber membrane module units according to claim 23 ~~are~~ stacked in a vertical direction, in which sheet surfaces of the sheet-form hollow fiber membranes are disposed in a vertical direction, the water collecting caps that adjoin each other in a vertical direction are connected to each other by a water collecting member that extends in a vertical direction, and a side frame is disposed on a side face parallel to the sheet surfaces of the sheet-form hollow fiber membranes.

26. (Currently amended) A hollow fiber membrane module unit according to claim 25, wherein vertical spacing between the sheet-form hollow fiber membranes of adjacent hollow fiber membrane modules ~~adjoin in a vertical direction~~ is 70 mm or less.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (New) A hollow fiber membrane module unit according to claim 22, wherein a said hollow fiber membrane module a relationship $0.2 \leq L/D \leq 1.0$ is satisfied, where D(mm) is a diameter of the cylindrical section and L(mm) a length of the cylindrical section.